

I strongly oppose allowing cell phone usage on a flight. The phenomena of "cell yell" and obnoxious, rude cell-phone talkers is well documented, and both have permeated our society to its detriment. On land, you can just walk away from these idiots - but I do not want to be stuck in a middle seat for 6 hours, trapped in between two cell-phone gabbers.

As a compromise, I would endorse allowing wireless messaging (SMS, BlackBerry, etc.) on flights. This would allow businesspeople to stay in touch, while at the same time maintaining the (relative) quiet of the airplane cabin.

Thank you.

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